Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following paragraph:

A plurality of active dopants 90, as seen in FIG. 1, are disposed in a portion 34 of the linearly birefringent and linearly dichroic optical waveguide 30 for providing operation of the waveguide in an operating wavelength range 650 having a center operating wavelength wherein the single polarization wavelength center wavelength is sufficiently close to the center operating wavelength such that the operating wavelength range overlaps the single polarization wavelength range 48. Even though the single polarization wavelength range 48 is shown narrower for the specific application of a Yb-doped fiber laser where gain of FIG. 6 occurs from 1020 [[920]] to 1100nm, in general the operating wavelength range 650 can be broader or narrower than the single polarization wavelength range 48. Ideally, the center wavelength of the operating wavelength range 650 should be coincident with the center wavelength of the single polarization wavelength range 48, however, the center wavelengths can be sufficiently close to each other that these two wavelength ranges 650 and 48 overlaps at least at the operating wavelength of an output signal 66 of FIG. 1 of the optically active linear single polarization device. Hence, the optically active linear single polarization device is forced by waveguide design parameters to oscillate or amplify within the single polarization wavelength range 48.